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OBITUARY NOTICES OF PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

COLLECTED BY WILLIAM SUMMERS.

[The following obituary notices of officers and privates who served in the Continental Line and Militia of Pennsylvania during the Revolution have been collected from the newspapers of Montgomery county.]

Conrad Hipple.—Departed this life on Sunday morning last, the 17 day of June, in the 78 year of his age. Mr. Conrad Hipple was one of the oldest citizens of the Borough. . . . He served his country in the Continental army and received an honorable discharge at the termination of his meritorious services. He sleeps the sleep of death. May his mortal soul be numbered among those who enjoy the blessings of a merciful Saviour.—*Norristown Register,* June 20, 1838.

[Conrad Hipple's name appears on the Depreciated Pay-Roll; he served as Fifer of Capt. Michael's company Chester County Militia, Sept. 1781. Buried in St. Johns P. E. Churchyard, Norristown, Pa.]

Edward Hector.—Died on Friday the 3rd of January 1834, aged about 90 years.

Edward Hector, a colored man and a veteran of the Revolution. Obscurity in life and oblivion is too often the lot of the worthy—they pass away, and no "storied stone" perpetuates the remembrance of their noble actions.

The humble subject of this notice will doubtless share the common fate, he has joined the great assembly of the dead and will be soon forgotten, and yet, many a monument has been "reared to some proud son of earth" who less deserved it than "poor old Ned." His earlier and better days were devoted to the cause

of the American Revolution; in that cause he risked all he had to risk—his life; and he survived the event for a long lapse of years, to witness the prosperity of a country whose independence he had so nobly assisted to achieve, and which neglected him in his old age.—*Norristown Register,* January 15, 1834.

During the war of the revolution, his conduct on one memorable occasion, exhibited an example of patriotism and bravery which deserves to be recorded. At the battle of Brandywine he had charge of an ammunition wagon attached to Col. Proctor's regiment, and when the American army was obliged to retreat, an order was given by the proper officers to those having charge of the wagons, to abandon them to the enemy, and save themselves by flight. The heroic reply of the deceased uttered in the true spirit of the Revolution: "The enemy shall not have my team; I will save my horses and myself!" He instantly started on his way, and as he proceeded, amid the confusion of the surrounding scene, he calmly gathered up a few stands of arms which had been left on the field by the retreating soldiers, and safely retired with his wagon, team and all, in face of the victorious foe. Some years ago a few benevolent individuals endeavored to procure a pension, but without success. The Legislature, however, at the last session, granted him a donation of $40.00, which was all the gratuity he ever received for his Revolutionary services. It is a circumstance somewhat remarkable that his wife, to whom he was married upward of fifty years, and who attended his funeral in perfect health, suddenly expired about an hour after returning from his grave.—*Free Press,* Norristown, Pa., January 15, 1834.

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[Edward Hector, private in Capt. Hercules Courtney's company, 3d. Penna. Artillery, Continental Line, was mustered March 10, 1777.]

Isaac McGlathery.—Died on Monday 25th ulto., Isaac McGlathery, of Whitpain Township, in this County, in the 86th year of his age.

Mr. McGlathery was one of the heroes of the Revolution, the friend and companion of Lafayette in the days of trial—both have now departed to that bourn from which none return. United in life, in the cause of humanity, we trust they are again united in the regions of immortal happiness enjoying together the reward of the just made perfect.—*Norristown Register,* August 6, 1834.

Isaac McGlathery.—Died on Monday, 25 ulto., residence Whitpain township, in the 83rd year of his age. He was an officer in the Revolution and served his country during several campaigns. He lived respected and died lamented.—*Free Press,* Norristown, Pa., August 6, 1834.

[Second Lieutenant of Capt. Jacob Peterman's company, Fourth Battalion, Philadelphia County Militia, Col. William Dean, December 22, 1778.]

Henry Shotz.—Another Revolutionary Patriot Gone. Died at his residence, in Upper Salford township, Montgomery county, on the 24th inst., Mr. Henry Shotz, in the 83d year of his age.—*Norristown Register,* December 31, 1834.

James Bean.—In Lehigh county on the 16th ulto. James Bean aged 80 years. He was a Lieutenant in the Revolution, in the Montgomery county cavalry.—*Norristown Register,* November 8, 1837.

Philip Keesey.—Another Revolutionary Patriot gone. Departed this life in Springfield township this county on Thursday 16th of May ulto. Mr. Philip Keesey, in the 85th year of his age.

The deceased was one of those who, girded on his armor in the defence of his country. He was a patriot

in faith and verity, and continued to the day of his death the unflinching advocate of Democracy government—a veteran in the cause. In a good old age he has been gathered to his fathers, and rests with his co-patriots in the sleep of death. The blessing of the faithful go with him.—*Norristown Register,* June 5, 1839.

Philip Stillwagon.—Died in Gwynedd township this county, on Saturday the 27 ulto., Mr. Philip Stillwagon, a Revolutionary soldier, aged 86 years.—*Norristown Register,* August 7, 1839.

Zachariah Closson.—Died in Germantown township, Philadelphia County, on Friday last the 2nd inst. Mr. Zachariah Closson, a soldier in the Revolution, in the 87th year of his age.—*Norristown Register,* August 7, 1839.

Thomas Deeds.—Departed this life on the 4th of July inst., in Lower Providence township, Mr. Thomas Deeds, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 82 years.—*Norristown Register,* July 15, 1840.

[Buried at St. James P. E. Church, Evansburg, Pa.]

Bradford.—In Upper Providence Township, July 4, 1840, Mary Bradford, relect of the late Samuel Bradford, a soldier of the Revolution, in the 78th year of her age.—*Norristown Register,* July 15, 1840.

Jacob Strembeck.—Died, another patriot of the Revolution gone—At his residence No. 60 south Eleventh street, Philadelphia, on Sunday morning 11th of July, Jacob Strembeck, in the 86th year of his age. —*Norristown Register,* July 14, 1841.

Jacob Erb.—Another Revolutionary soldier gone. Departed this life in New Hanover township, Montgomery county on the 5th inst., Mr. Jacob Erb, in the 81st year of his life. The deceased was one of those

who in days of peril stood forth in defence of the liberties of his country. His earthly remains were escorted to the tomb by the Third Troop of Montgomery county cavalry, a testimonial of regard eminently due to the patriots of the Revolution.—*Norristown Register,* November 24, 1841.

John Solliday.—Another Revolutionary soldier gone! Died, at Sumnytown, on Wednesday last 19th of Jan. 1842, Mr. John Salliday, aged about 89 years. The deceased served in the Militia of the State, in the Revolutionary war, for which, during the last few years, he has received a pension from the Commonwealth. Mr. Solliday was extensively known and much esteemed for his many good qualities.—*Norristown Register,* January 26, 1842.

Capt. William Holgate.—Departed this life on the 12th. inst. at his residence in Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, Capt. William Holgate, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 81 years and ten months.

The deceased entered the army a mere youth and engaged in the principal battles fought in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and deserved well of his country. —*Norristown Register,* May 24, 1843.

Jacob Sorver.—Departed this life at his residence in Skippackville on the 24th. ult. Mr. Jacob Sorver aged 91 years. The deceased was one of those who perilled his life in the time that tried men's souls, in behalf of the liberties we now enjoy. His kindness and affability of character secured him the regard of an extensive acquaintance, who through a long series of years, have enjoyed his friendship and esteem. A period of about forty years have elapsed since his settlement in that neighborhood.—*Norristown Register,* December 13, 1843.

John Harper.—Died on Monday the 4th. inst. Mary Harper, widow of the late John Harper, an old Revo-

lutioner, in Upper Providence township, in the 91st. year of her age.—*Norristown Register,* December 13, 1843.

Henry Kifer.—Died on the 11th. ulto. in Bedford county Mr. Henry Kifer, a Revolutionary soldier, aged 110 years and 6 months.—*Norristown Register,* March 20, 1844.

John Brandt.—Departed this life on the 1st of January instant, at his residence in Plymouth township, Mr. John Brandt, a Revolutionary soldier in the 90th year of his age. The deceased, during a long life, maintained an unexceptionable character, and was much esteemed by all who knew him. His attachment to the Union and the Liberties for which he fought was ardent and unrelaxing to the last. He was the father of sixteen children by a former wife, of whom eight survive. He leaves an afflicted widow and numerous relatives and friends to mourn his exit from this to a better world.—*Norristown Register,* January 10, 1844.

Joseph Crawford.—Departed this life on Friday 12th. inst. Mr. Joseph Crawford, of Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, in the 88th. year of his age. The deceased was a Revolutionary soldier, and a gentleman whom to know was to esteem. During a long and useful life he exhibited a character for probity and correctness in all his dealings, which won general confidence in all his business relations. At a good old age he is gathered to his fathers—his body consigned to the silent tomb, while his memory is cherished by a numerous kindred, and his friends and neighbors bear testimony to his good deeds. "Peace Be to his Ashes."—*Norristown Register,* April 17, 1844.

[Buried in Lower Providence Presbyterian Church.]

Abraham Weaver.—Departed this life on Tuesday night last, Abraham Weaver of Worcester township,

an old Revolutionary soldier, aged 87 years, 1 month and 28 days.—*Norristown Register,* May 22, 1844.

Peter Hoot.—Departed this life on Monday of last week, Mr. Peter Hoot, of Worcester township, aged about 78 years, a Revolutionary soldier.—*Norristown Register,* May 22, 1844.

John Essig.—Died at his residence in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county on Saturday 4th. inst. after a short illness John Essig, in 85 year of his age. Death the foul destroyer of the human race, has again been amongst us, and snatched with unrelenting hand from side of his relations and friends, the formers safeguard, and the latters example. It would be superfluous now to speak of the many amiable and Christian qualities of the deceased. Although his pure and characteristic piety—his disregard of every thing pertaining to self, when the welfare of his neighbors and friends was in question, his noble and disinterested patriotism emulated by an almost fanatical love of country, might well be bright examples for succeeding generations to follow

He too, in the dark days of '76 buckled on the sword of liberty, to fight for the freedom of his native land, and when within but a few days of his death, some of his friends (in his hearing) alluded to the late disgraceful scenes in Philadelphia, he heartily concurred in sending military to the scene of action, and intimated (though he could scarcely speak) that if he were able, he would be the first to march for the maintenance of his country's honor. After selecting from II Cor. 4th Chapter, the last three verses, the text from which he wished his funeral sermon preached, he said his spirit had already gone to him who gave it and in a few hours quietly expired, loved and regretted by his friends and mourned deeply by his relations.—*Norristown Register,* August 14, 1844.

Frederick Zearfoss.—Died on Friday the 11th. inst. in Whitpain township, Montgomery county, Frederick Zearfoss, one of the oldest patriots of '76 in the 82d year of his age.—*Norristown Register,* October 16, 1844.

[Buried at St. John's Lutheran Church, Center Square.]

Jacob Latch, Sr.—Died at his residence in Lower Merion township, this county, on the 29th ulto. Jacob Latch Sr., in the 87th year of his age. The deceased served in Washington's army in this State and New Jersey, during the Revolutionary war.—*Norristown Register,* July 8, 1845.

George Leader.—Died in Pottstown on 13th of August ult. George Leader, in the 92d year of his age. The deceased was a soldier of the Revolution, and his remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of citizens; the Pottstown Brass Band playing a solemn dirge from his late residence to the place of interment, the body being taken into the church, the Rev. Mr. Harman and the Rev. Mr. Miller, of the Lutheran church both preached on the occasion.—*Norristown Register,* September 3, 1845.

Christian Moser.—Died on the 22d. inst. at the residence of his son-in-law, in Swedesburg, Upper Merion township, Christian Moser, in the 84th year of his age. Mr. M. was of German extraction, his father having immigrated to this country and settled in Berks county, a short time previous to the birth of the former. He was among the true and unflinching patriots of '76, having been engaged in some of the most memorable battles which mark the history of the Revolution. At the massacre of Paoli he barely escaped with his life, and at the taking of Stony Point, he obeyed the mandate of his leader, with a devotion and heroism which the true lover of his country can only know. During the

later years of his life, a cataract in both eyes so prevented his vision, that life too seemed scarcely worth possessing, but his character, firmness, and resignation so strangely marked, that even painful bodily afflictions did not disturb the calmness and tranquility of this truly venerable man.—*Norristown Register,* January 9, 1839.

[Buried at St. John's Lutheran Church, Center Square.]

Benjamin Markley.—It is with regret of no ordinary kind, we record the death of our worthy and esteemed friend, Capt. Benjamin Markley, a native of Montgomery county, who departed this sublunary sphere on 10th. July, at his residence in New Hanover township. He marched forth a captain of a company in the War of the Revolution. He served as a member of the Executive Council of the State, office of Justice of the Peace and associate judge of this county.—*Norristown Herald,* July 14, 1819.

[Buried in Lutheran Churchyard, New Hanover.]

William Findlay.—Died yesterday morning after a lingering and severe illness, at his residence in Unity township, the venerable William Findlay, a hero of the Revolution, and for many years a representative of Congress from this district. The service which this worthy man rendered to his country, and the character which he invariably sustained, will be long borne in remembrance by his fellow citizens.—*Norristown Herald,* April 18, 1821.

William Hayman.—Another Revolutionary Patriot gone! Died suddenly at his farm in Delaware Co., on Sunday morning last, Capt. William Hayman, formerly of the Navy of the United States, in his 84th year.—*Norristown Herald,* September 24, 1823.

Henry Freedly.—Died on Friday last at Pottsgrove, Henry Freedly, in the 67th year of his age, an old and

respectable inhabitant of the county. His remains were interred on Saturday last, in the Episcopal [St. John's] burying ground in the borough of Norristown, attended by a respectable concourse of relatives and friends. Mr. Freedly was one of the few surviving patriots, who assisted in the great struggle for Independence. Through the whole course of his life, he sustained the character of an honest, industrious and upright citizen, and a useful member of society.—*Norristown Herald,* October 8, 1823.

John Mc. Collister.—Died in New Hanover township in the 80th year of his age, John Mc. Collister, a soldier of the Revolution.—*Norristown Herald,* October 8, 1823.

Thomas Forrest.—Died on Sunday evening last, in the 78th year of his age, at his country seat near Germantown, Col. Thomas Forrest a distinguished Revolutionary officer, and not long since a member of Congress.—*Norristown Herald,* March 23, 1825.

John Andrew Sox.—Died at the residence of Charles Corson in Upper Providence township, on Tuesday the 23d ulto. John Andrew Sox, a soldier of the Revolution. His death was singular and unexpected, being a few moments before his death to all appearance in good health, when he suddenly fell and expired—thus after having escaped the dangers of the field of battle, and just having retired to spend his days in quiet, he is snatched in one moment into eternity.—*Norristown Herald,* May 31, 1826.

[Buried in Lutheran Churchyard, Barren Hill.]

Charles Bisson.—Died on Tuesday 28th March last, Charles Bisson, of Gwynedd township, aged 74 years, a soldier of the Revolution.—*Norristown Herald,* April 19, 1826.

[Buried in Bethel Churchyard, Worcester.]

John Lowery.—Died on Wednesday afternoon last, at the residence of his son Thomas Lowery Esq. Capt. John Lowery, long a respectable inhabitant of this county and late of this Borough, aged 81 years, 8 months and 26 days. Immediately upon the Declaration of Independence, he volunteered his services in defence of his country, and was a captain in the army during the remainder of the war. He was remarkable for his kindness and suavity of his disposition, and lived and died in affectionate esteem of all who knew him.—*Norristown Herald,* February 18, 1829.

John Harple.—Died on Thursday 21st June near the Trappe, John Harple, one of the few surviving heroes of the Revolution, in the 80th year of his age.—*Norristown Herald,* July 11, 1832.

Daniel St. Clair.—Died on Monday morning last at an advanced age, Daniel St. Clair, of Norriton township, an officer of the American Revolution and son of venerable Gen. Arthur St. Clair.—*Norristown Herald,* February 20, 1833.

[Buried at St. James P. E. Church, Evansburg.]

William Hagy.—Died on Sunday evening the 23d. ult. at his residence Lower Merion, William Hagy in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Hagy served his country during part of the American Revolution, lived to a good old age and died respected by all who knew him. —*Norristown Herald,* March 5, 1834.

Alexander Moore.—Died at the State Magazine, Philada., on the 12th inst. Alexander Moore, the Superintendent, in the 85th year of his age. He was a soldier of the Revolution, was in the battle of Brandywine, and long a respectable inhabitant of Philadelphia.—*Norristown Herald,* May 18, 1831.

Jacob Shade.—Departed this life on the 23d. ult. at his residence in Limerick township, in the 76th. year of

his age. The deceased was a Soldier of the Revolution, having entered the army in the service of his country at a very early age.—*Norristown Register,* January 20, 1841.

Adam Homsher.—[of Whitpain] b. Oct. 7, 1752; d. Jan. 31, 1845 aged 93 y. 3m. 24 d.

[Buried at Wentz Reformed Church, Worcester township.]

James Mahany.—Died Aug. 14, 1823, 86th year, at Evansburg. He was a faithful soldier of the Revolution and served from the commencement to the close thereof, and was engaged in most of the hard battles without receiving a wound or being taken prisoner. —*Norristown Register,* September 3, 1823.

Samuel Biddle.—Died on Monday 18th. inst. at his residence in Upper Merion township, Samuel Biddle, eighty-second year of his age. He was among those patriots who struggled for American Independence.—*Norristown Register,* March 27, 1839.

John Goodwin.—Died June 16, 1824, aged 84; late of Abington township. The deceased was one of the worthies of the Revolution. He was frequently promoted to public trusts and discharged his duty to the general satisfaction. He was Crier of the several courts of Montgomery county, from the time they were first organized to the day of his death, a period of forty years.—*Norristown Register,* July 28, 1824.

Frederick Beiteman.—Died Sept. 16, 1826, aged 74, in Douglass township.—*Dotterer's Perkiomen Register.*

[He was by profession a physician, and in the Revolution served as Captain.]

Charles Thomson.—Died on Monday eve the 16th. at his residence in Lower Merion township, the venerable patriot Charles Thomson Esq., in the 95th year of his

age. Farewell thou hoary headed patriot and sage! A great nation will truly feel thy loss. A few years more and all your contemporaries will be mingled with the dust. But their memories should be the theme of gratitude for ages yet unborn.—*Norristown Herald,* August 25, 1824.

[Formerly Secretary of Congress.]

Andrew Knox.—Died at his house in Whitpain township, the 17th. ult. Andrew Knox, in the 80th. year of his age. . . . The friends of the American Revolution will be gratified by the recital of an incident in his life, which connects his name with that revolution. His office, a magistrate, procured him the honor of a visit from certain Royalists, when the British army held the city of Philadelphia. About 4 o'clock in the morning of the 14th. of February 1778, seven armed refugees approached his house, two stood sentry at the back window, while the other five attempted the door. Finding it bolted, they endeavored to gain admittance by artifice. Squire Knox, partly dressed, came to the door at their call, when a dialogue took place nearly as follows: *K.* "What do you want?" *R.* "I came to tell you that the enemy are coming, and to warn you to escape for your life." *K.* "What enemy ?" *R.* "The British." *K.* "And who are you that speak?" (A friendly name was given, and on looking out the window the Squire saw their arms in the moonlight.) *K.* "I believe you are the enemy." Upon this they burst the door and attempted to force their way in. Mr. Knox seizing the open door with his left hand, with his cutlass in the other, saluted the agressors in a manner they did not expect, and repeated his strokes. The assailants meanwhile, made repeated thrusts with their bayonets, from which Mr. Knox received two or three slight flesh wounds, and had his jacket pierced in several places, but the door standing ajar, covered his vitals and saved his life.

By this time Mr. Knox's eldest son, then a young strippling, having laid hold of a gun loaded with small shot, came to the scene of action and asked his father if he should shoot. The Squire having just broke his cutlass on one of the enemy's guns, now apprehended that he must surrender, and thinking it imprudent to exasperate the foe to the utmost, told his son not to shoot, trying his weapon further and finding it capable of service, he continued to defend the pass, and his son wishing to co-operate struck one of the assailants with the barrel of his gun and brought him to his *knees* (and to his *prayers,* it is hoped). This gave the besighed an opportunity to close the door, whereupon the party presented their pieces and fired five balls through the door. Whether it arose from deliberation or from the scattered position of the men, so it was that some of these balls passed through the door directly and others obliquely, so as to hit a person standing by the side: and in fact, Squire Knox, who stood there as a place of safety, received a touch by one of them. Thus foiled in their object and perhaps that the report of their guns would alarm the neighborhood, the men commenced a retreat towards the city. Squire Knox having at the approach of day collected some friends and armed men went in pursuit. They tracked the blood several miles. One of whom had taken refuge in a house was taken, brought back and made an ample confession. This fellow being found to be a deserter from the American army was tried by court martial for the desertion only, condemned and executed near Montgomery Square. Another was apprehended after the British left the city, condemned by a civil court and executed. Of the rest little is known.—*Norristown Register,* November 6, 1808.

William Anderson.—Another Revolutionary officer gone to his tomb. . . . William Anderson Esq. who

departed this transitory existence at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning last, in the 67th. year of his valuable life. Mr Anderson acted a conspicuous and highly honorable part in our Revolutionary struggle—he was at the siege of Yorktown and surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He served throughout the campaign with honor to himself and advantage to his country. He was a citizen of Delaware county for many years; he represented the county in Congress several times; held the appointment of Judge of the Courts in Delaware county, and at the time of his decease was attached to the Customhouse department. In every position that Mr. Anderson filled he acted for the benefit of the public, which has always entitled him to the public's most respectable consideration.—*Herald and Free Press,* Norristown, January 5, 1830.

Philip M. Russel.—Departed this life on Wednesday evening at a quarter past one o'clock, at his residence in the Northern Liberties [Philada.], Philip M. Russel Esq. at the advanced age of ninety years; a man who served his country with fidelity and honor as an officer during the whole of the Revolutionary War, and discharged since then all the duties of a private citizen with an exemplary exactness. He has left a large posterity consisting of ten children and thirty grand-children, an example which should ever be their pride and endeavor to follow.—*Herald and Free Press,* August 17, 1830.

Christopher Sherer.—Reading, Sunday last, Christopher Sherer, aged 78, one of four Revolutionary patriots.—*Herald and Free Press,* March 23, 1830.

Thomas Wallace.—Sunday morning 22d. at four o'clock, after a short but severe illness, Thomas Wallace, in the 85th year of his age. For many years an inhabitant of Southwark, Philadelphia.—*Herald and Free Press,* August 31, 1830.

William Dean.—Died on Saturday morning last at his residence in Montgomery county, Col. William Dean, in the 67th year of his age. Of a strong and ardent mind, he early discovered a military genius, though but a youth of 17, his active intrepidity attracted the attention of Gen. Forbes, and he took him by his side when the British colors were first hoisted on the walls of Fort Duquesne. In the Revolutionary contest, he took an early and active part in the cause of his country and the equal rights of man.

He was elected Lieut. Colonel in the first militia regiment that was formed in Montgomery county and in that capacity he served at Amboy with high reputation. The surviving patriots who were present at the memorable battle of Princeton can and will bear ample testimony to his cool, intrepid valor. At the close of the war, he was elected a Justice of the Peace. His complaint was of the pulmonary kind and many wearisome nights and days were appointed unto him, which he bore with that cheerful firmness characteristic to his mind.—*Norristown Register,* September 16, 1807.

John Wentz.—Died March 11, 1818, at his residence in Whitpain township, John Wentz Esq. in the 58th year of his age, after a lingering illness. The various trusts both of a *military* and *civil* nature confided to him by his country, from an early period of his life he discharged with fidelity, ability and integrity.—*Norristown Herald,* March 18, 1818.

Vachtel D. Howard.—|Maryland Light Dragoons| Died March 15, 1778.| Aged 30 years| In defence of American Liberty.|

[Buried at St. James P. E. Church, Evansburg.]

John Stidinger.—Died September 19, 1830. A veteran of the Revolution.—*Herald and Free Press,* September 28, 1830.

William Denning.—Died at his residence in Mifflin township, Cumberland county Pa., Jany. 18, 1831, William Denning in 99 year of his age. The deceased was an Artificer in the army of the Revolution. He it was who, in the days of his country's need, made the only successful attempt ever made in the world to manufacture wrought iron cannon, two which he completed in Middlesex, and commenced another and larger one at Mount Holly, but could get no one to assist him who could stand the heat, which is said to have been so great, as to melt the lead buttons on his clothes. This unfinished piece lies as he left it, at either Mount Holly Forge or Carlisle Barracks. One of those completed was taken by the British at the battle of Brandywine, and is now in the Tower of London. The British government offered a large sum and an annuity to the person who would instruct them in the manufacture of that article, but the patriotic blacksmith preferred obscurity and poverty, in his own beloved country. The strength of his good constitution continued near his last, and he was able to walk to the village of Newville, two miles from his residence, until about six months before his death.—*Free Press,* January 18, 1831.

Peter Grubb.—Died October 28, 1830, Peter Grubb, aged 80 years, less a few days. Came to America aged 14 years, settled in Lancaster county; in the war of the Revolution he took up arms in favor of his adopted country, and supported her cause, with all the ardour of an American. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church forty years ago and continued till the day of his death an ornament of the church, and his daily walk was an example worthy of imitation.—*Free Press,* November 16, 1830.

Samuel Wiggins.—Died May 9, 1831, Samuel Wiggins aged 75 years. He was at the Massacre of Paoli,

was a faithful soldier in time of need and a worthy citizen in time of Peace.—*Free Press,* May 10, 1831.

Joseph Heister.—Died at his residence in Reading on Sunday evening last, Gen. Joseph Heister, in the 80th year of his age. Gen Heister was late Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and one of the heroes of the Revolutionary War. He entered the army at an early period of his life, was engaged in the battle of Long Island, was among the captured of that day so disastrous to the American cause and subsequently confined on board the prison ship Jersey. After his exchange had been effected he again entered the army and was engaged in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. After the war he served many years in the State Legislature, and in the Congress. In private life the deceased was a kind and indulgent parent, a good, charitable and hospitable neighbor, and a warm and zealous friend.—*Free Press,* June 20, 1832.

Andrew Todd.—Died May 12, 1833, at his residence in Upper Providence, Andrew Todd, a tried patriot of the Revolution, and one who performed the various duties of a long life, in a most exemplary manner.—*Free Press,* May 15, 1833.

[Buried at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church.]

Col. Francis Wade.—Died in Philadelphia, January 1, 1810. He was an active and zealous partisan at the period of our Revolution, which tried men's souls.—*Norristown Register,* January 10, 1810.